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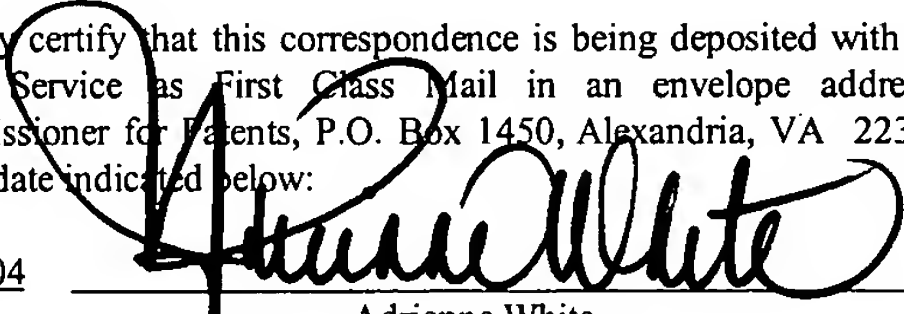
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	A6	Des. 263,798	04/13/98	Edwards			
	A7	Des. 276,216	11/06/84	Michaud			
	A8	Des. 341,316	11/16/93	Fritz et al.			
	A9	Des. 343,576	01/25/94	Krupa			
	A10	Des. 352,000	11/01/94	Hansen et al.			
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	A22	3,690,902	09/12/72	Dahl			
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	A26	3,955,710	05/11/76	Commisso			
	A27	4,132,344	01/02/79	Jewell			

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	A40	4,882,463	11/21/89	Kyougoku et al.			
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	A45	4,989,748	02/05/91	Parr, Jr. et al.			
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	A54	5,595,769	01/21/97	Castner et al.			

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	A56	5,693,388	12/02/97	Castner et al.			
	A57	5,947,321	09/07/99	Vadney			
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	B1	GB 1 602 694	11/81	United Kingdom			In English
	B2	JP 60-84519	11/85	Japan			Abstract Only
Other Art (Including Author, Title, Date Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
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	C1	Description of Prior Art FIG. 1 and FIG. 2 – U.S. Patent No. 5,947,321 (date prior to 1998)					
	C2	FIGs. 1A-1D Drawings of 47097-01251 (showing top view of a lid, top view of a base, side view of the lid detached from the base, and partial cross-section of the lid detached from the base respectively); Manufacturer: Unknown; (date prior to 1998)					
	C3	Description of FIGs. 1A-1D -- 47097-01251 (dated prior to 1998)					

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